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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Microsoft Corporation and the Department of Justice agreed to terms on a proposed settlement that will bring an end to the three-year antitrust lawsuit filed against Microsoft. I support this settlement because it ends the litigation against Microsoft, and allows them to focus even more on producing innovative products.

The settlement goes further than it should have, in particular as regards intellectual property, which Microsoft will have to disclose to its competitors. In order to end this messy litigation process, Microsoft has actually agreed to give to its competitors source code and other design information that is critical to the internal structure of Windows. While that does not fit the mold of a free market economy, it enables Microsoft's competitors to do more, and to produce software that is compatible with Microsoft's. This will foster competition in the IT industry, and the economy will benefit as a result.

I support this settlement. Now the economy can regain its former level of success, and we can put this costly litigation behind us.

Sincerely,



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